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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE

1. BY SEPARATE CABLE YOU WILL RECEIVE FOR YOUR INFORMATION
THE MESSAGE WHICH AMBASSADOR BOWDLER WILL PASS RHODESIAN
REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN OVER THE
RECENTLY PUBLICIZED RHODESIAN PENETRATION INTO MOZAMBIQUE.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO THE DEPT SPOKES-
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U.S. REACTION TO THE INCURSION INTO MOZAMBIQUE: BEGIN
TEXT: WE ARE CONCERNED BY THIS RAID AND THE NEGATIVE EFFECT
IT MIGHT HAVE ON OUR EFFORTS, IN COOPERATION WITH THE
BRITISH, TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE RHODESIAN
PROBLEM. THE U.K. CONSULTATIVE GROUP IS NOW NEARING THE
END OF ITS INITIAL ROUND OF TALKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH
THE NATIONALIST LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SMITH REGIME.

WE INTEND TO CONTINUE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE BRITISH IN PURSUING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO THE RHODESIANS THAT WE DISAPPROVE OF THEIR CROSS BORDER MILITARY ACTIONS WHICH ONLY SERVE TO COMPLICATE OR HINDER THE NEGOTIATING EFFORTS. END TEXT

3. YOU MAY DRAW UPON THE ABOVE IN REPLYING TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES REGARDING OUR VIEWS ON THE MATTER. IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL YOU MAY ALSO APPROACH YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL (FOREIGN MINISTER OR BELOW) AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONTACTS WITH ANY NATIONALIST LEADERS WHO MAY BE IN YOUR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS TO INFORM THEM OF OUR PUBLIC STATEMENT AND PRIVATE DEMARCHE (THROUGH CAPE TOWN) TO SMITH.

4. IN THESE CONVERSATIONS YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT:

--OUR REPRESENTATION TO SMITH ON THIS ISSUE FOLLOWS SIMILAR WARNINGS AGAINST THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF HOT PURSUIT INTO BOTSWANA AND THE THREAT OF PREEMPTIVE STRIKES INTO ZAMBIA.

--WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND WILL

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP.
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